

Egremont COA Meeting 3-21-13
Minutes

Attending: Bruce Bernstein (Chair); Dorothy Flynn, Georgette Kinney, Carolyn Palmucci, and Penny Pitts (members); Susan Batchelder, Gigi Keeley (guests).

We began by sending mental best wishes to Rachel Shaw, who is both recovering from an operation and celebrating her 90th birthday.

Egremont Village Inn Tea: May 29 (Wed), from 1 - 2 at the inn (formerly Weathervane). The Inn will provide coffee, tea, and dessert. We will pay them \$100 and they will absorb any costs over that. A member of the town's historical committee will present a 20 minute talk (during refreshments) and this will be followed by an opportunity to take a one mile walking tour with a guide (South Egremont area).

Because Carolyn will be gone from 4/12 to 5/15, Bruce will serve as liaison with Gigi Keeley, Inn manager.

Bruce will get the tea announced on the Egremont Posts web site.

Bruce will arrange with Will to send out a reverse 911 to seniors in town announcing the event. RSVP's will go to Mary at Town Hall. We agreed to call "the list" (of 65 year olds currently living alone), as we had done for the Jan. luncheon.

Bruce will inform the town police what we are doing (the walking tour part) and discuss if we will need assistance for safety reasons.

Georgette will see that the road sign(s) are put out before the event.

Penny will write up notice of the event for the May town newsletter.

Susan Batchelder will arrange for the historical speaker and walking tour guide(s).

We told Gigi Keeley we might have 40 or 50 people and she felt that would be just fine. If she needs folding chairs she is to ask us (Bruce).

Susan Batchelder gave us copies of the color brochure outlaying the S. Egremont walking tour. She also gave us two fliers, each describing 1/2 of the (whole) tour. We should think about which tour half we want to do, considering sidewalks/lack thereof. We might do both sections, different small groups walking different ones.

Susan pointed out that there are 127 buildings listed with the state as having historical significance in town. At the tea she will mention a volunteer opportunity to help update these listings, as they haven't been looked over since first filed in 1980.

Need for Community Center in town: Bruce pointed out that the long range planning committee is hopeful of finding a "place" that might serve as a community center. There is questioning if the Congregational Church might be interested in working out a way both the town and the church could make use of their facilities.

AGE (Alford-Great Barrington- Egremont) event: April 10 2 - 3:30. Emergency procedures in these towns (as well as in Sheffield) will be discussed, with a focus on seniors' needs. All are encouraged to attend. Bruce is our liaison to this group.

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Pitts